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Workers at Torque-Traction in Syracuse eligible for federal aid

INDIANAPOLIS (June 15, 2007) – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced today that the U.S. Department of Labor has ruled that former employees of Torque-Traction Manufacturing, Inc., a subsidiary of Dana Corporation, Automotive Systems Group, Syracuse are eligible to receive federal Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).

The TAA program, which is administered at the state level by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, is made available to workers who are displaced due to foreign imports or shifts in production out of the country. In order for dislocated workers to be eligible for TAA benefits, a company executive, union representative or three former employees must file a petition with the Department of Labor and it must be approved before benefits can be released.

The Department of Labor determined that employment at that firm declined between 2005 and 2006. The findings were certified on May 24, 2007. With the ruling, any employee who has been or will be totally or partially separated from employment on or after April 12, 2007 through May 24, 2009 is eligible to apply for adjustment assistance.

The TAA program provides a variety of benefits and services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment. Workers may be eligible for a variety of re-employment services, job search and relocation allowances and training. In addition, weekly trade re-adjustment allowances may be payable to eligible workers following the exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits.

Additionally, the Department of Labor issued a certification for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for separated older workers at the Syracuse Torque-Traction Manufacturing facility. It was found that a significant number of workers at the company age 50 or over possess skills that are not easily transferable and that competitive conditions within the industry are adverse. Older workers may choose between regular TAA benefits or a wage subsidy of 50% of the difference between their new salary and old salary, up to \$10,000.

The Department of Workforce Development has been preparing to assist workers who are affected by the recent layoffs to ensure that individuals can receive information and benefits that will help them ensure a successful return to work.

Eligible parties may contact their nearest WorkOne office in Elkhart at (574) 295-0105 or Auburn at (260) 925-0124 at or any WorkOne Center for more information.

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